On November 14, Shri Rajneesh pleaded guilty of two counts of a thirty five count indictment accusing him of violating US immigration laws and of two charges of lying to immigration authorities. Under a plea-bargain arrangement he received a five year suspended prison sentence. He also agreed to pay $ 400,000 fine and leave the country within five days.

Increase of pollution in the Country

2531. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Economic Times of the 30th October, 1985 wherein it has been stated that pollution is increasing considerably in the country;

(b) whether it has also been stated that deforestation is posing a great threat to ecological balance in the country; and

(c) whether replacement of firewood is being developed in the country to avoid deforestation in the country and if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir; Schemes have been undertaken for popularization of alternate energy devices such as biogas plants; solar-cookers and improved cooking stoves.

A National Wasteland Development Board has been set up with the object of bringing 5 million hectares of land every year under fuelwood and fodder plantation.

Plan outlay for Bihar

2532. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the annual plan outlay for 1985-86 for Bihar as proposed by the State Government indicating the Sector-wise and Service-wise break-up there; and

(b) the sector-wise/service-wise plan outlays as approved by the Planning Commission and the Central Government and the extent to which respective targets are expected to be slashed as a result of these cuts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI AJIT PANJA) : (a) and (b) A statement showing headwise outlays proposed by the State Government and as approved by Planning Commission for the Annual Plan 1985-86 of Bihar is enclosed.

Formulation of proposals by the State Government for their respective Annual Plans is the first step of the exercise of formulating the Annual Plans of the States. These proposals are discussed in detail by the Planning Commission with their repsentatives of the respective State Governments and Plans are finalised keeping in view the available resources. As far as possible, agreed decisions are taken with regard to overall size of the Plans, sectoral outlays and targets. As such there is no question of slashing of targets.